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SUBJ :NPW VISITS TO SPAIN - ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

ASSISTANCE (FOLLOW-UP TO THE WASHINGTON VISIT OF SPANISH  
DEFENSE MINISTER GUTIERREZ MELLADO)

REF: SECDEF (ASD/ISA) 6990 (DTG 100034Z AUG 78)

1. DURING AN AUGUST 1 DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY BROWN IN WHICH THE SECRETARY RAISED THE MATTER OF EXPANDING US NPW VISITS TO SPAIN, SPANISH DEFENSE MINISTER GUTIERREZ MELLADO ASKED FOR GREATER US ASSISTANCE TO THE SPANISH NAVY'S PROGRAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATION AND MEASUREMENT PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING SUCH VISITS. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT A FURTHER LOOK WOULD BE TAKEN; HE THOUGHT THE US COULD BE FORTHCOMING (REFTEL).

2. IN OTHER CONVERSATIONS HERE BOTH GUTIERREZ MELLADO AND SPANISH NAVY OFFICERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED HAVE ALSO MADE  
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THE POINT THAT THE MONITORING REQUIRED BY US NPW VISITS, IS COSTLY AND OF NO DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE SPANISH NAVY, THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT THE US MIGHT HELP DEFRAY SUCH EXPENSES AS WELL AS OFFER GREATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE SPANISH NAVY'S DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS MONITORING CAPABILITY. (AT PRESENT, THE NAVY RELIES HEAVILY ON THE SPANISH NUCLEAR ENERGY COUNCIL, A CIVILIAN-CONTROLLED

GOVERNMENT AGENCY, IN THIS FIELD.) THE SPANISH NAVY HOPES TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR ANALYZING BOTTOM SAMPLES. IT WOULD ALSO LIKE ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING AND TRAINING A NUCLEAR EMERGENCY TEAM, INCLUDING HIGH-LEVEL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE US.

3. THE SPANISH NAVY REGARDS THESE CAPABILITIES AS AN IMPORTANT ADJUNCT TO ITS OWN LONG-RANGE HOPES TO CONSTRUCT A NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE IN SPAIN.

4. THE RECORD OF EXISTING US NAVY COOPERATION WITH THE SPANISH NAVY IN THIS FIELD GOES BACK TO THE FALL OF 1976, SHORTLY PRIOR TO THE RESUMPTION OF THE US NPW VISITS TO SPAIN (AT ROTA) IN JANUARY 1977. THE USN HAS

-- BRIEFED SPANISH NAVY OFFICERS AT ROTA ON TECHNIQUES FOR CONDUCTING SHORELINE SURVEYS, TAKING MUD AND WATER SAMPLES, AND POSITIONING AND READING DOSIMETERS;

-- ALLOWED PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AT ROTA OF A USN DEVICE FOR TAKING MUD SAMPLES SO THAT A SIMILAR DEVICE MIGHT BE PRODUCED BY THE SPANISH NUCLEAR ENERGY COUNCIL;

-- OFFERED TO RECEIVE VISITORS AT THE RADIAC EQUIPMENT LAB AT ROTA AND, IN RESPONSE TO A SPANISH NAVY REQUEST, EVEN TO CALIBRATE SPANISH NAVY CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT AND TRAIN SEVERAL SPANISH NAVY PERSONNEL IN CALIBRATION TECHNIQUES; THE SPANISH NAVY HAS NOT YET AVAILED ITSELF OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

5. IN THE SUMMER OF 1977, THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL SUBMITTED TO THE US SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR FINANCING OF THE FOLLOWING SPANISH NAVY PROJECTS FROM NON-MILITARY TREATY FUNDS:

A. SUPPORT OF SPANISH RESEARCH ON OPTICAL SENSORS FOR NIGHT VISION - \$25,259.

B. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF RADIOACTIVITY IN THE LITTORAL ZONE - \$5,241.

C. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER COMPONENTS FOR THE SPANISH HULL TEST BASIN FACILITY - \$20,000.

D. PURCHASE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN A STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION OF SPANISH COASTAL WATERS - \$129,000.

TOTAL - \$179,500.

THE ORIGINAL SPANISH NAVY REQUESTS TOTALLED \$754,085 BUT WERE TRIMMED BY THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE US SIDE, TO THE FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE. THE US SIDE APPROVED ALL THE REQUESTS, BUT REQUESTED A REVISION OF THE FIRST ONE, WHICH IS EXPECTED SHORTLY. FUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE OTHER THREE AND DISBURSEMENT WILL BE MADE IN SEPTEMBER.

6. THE JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS FALL REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FOR THE SECOND OF FOUR CYCLES DURING

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THE LIFE OF THE TREATY. IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE USN TO INITIATE DIRECT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SPANISH NAVY ON WHAT FURTHER SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION MIGHT BE APPLICABLE TO THE NPW QUESTION, AS WELL AS IN OTHER AREAS.

7. WE RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE FORTHCOMING RESPONSES OF THE PAST BY CNO IN THIS AREA, WHICH PLAYED A CONSIDERABLE ROLE IN OBTAINING SPANISH NAVY SUPPORT WITHIN THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT FOR ALLOWING US NPW VISITS TO MEDITERRANEAN PORTS AS WELL AS TO ROTA. ALSO RECOGNIZED ARE THE PITFALLS OF SETTING PRECEDENTS IN THIS FIELD IN SPAIN WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

8. STILL, WE BELIEVE IT IS AGAIN IMPORTANT TO TAKE A CLOSE

LOOK AT WHAT MORE WE MIGHT DO IF WE ARE TO DEVELOP WITHIN THE SPANISH NAVY AND ON THE PART OF GUTIERREZ MELLADO HIMSELF THE STRONG FURTHER SUPPORT FOR OPENING UP MAJOR SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN PORTS FOR NPW VISITS WITHOUT WHICH OTHER APPEALS TO THE GOS, AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, WILL NOT  
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BE SUCCESSFUL.

9. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO SAY TO GUTIERREZ MELLADO SOON THAT, JUST AS WAS DONE DURING THE PERIOD WHEN WE WERE AT FIRST RESUMING NPW VISITS (RADM CHEWNING CAME TO MADRID EARLY IN 1977 AS THE CNO'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE), WE ARE PREPARED AGAIN TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO MADRID IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHO WILL BE EMPOWERED TO DISCUSS WITH SENIOR SPANISH NAVY OFFICIALS THE STATUS OF OUR COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND TO REACH DECISIONS. IN OUR VIEW THIS WOULD BE A MOST SUITABLE WAY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN SECRETARY BROWN AND DEFENSE MINISTER GUTIERREZ MELLADO.

10. AS A FOOTNOTE TO THE ABOVE, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT, IN REVIEWING WITH THE AMBASSADOR THE RESULTS OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, GUTIERREZ MELLADO RENEWED THE OFFER TO FACILITATE REST AND RECREATION OF US NPW CREWS AT ALL SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN PORTS IF THEY COULD BE TRANSFERRED AT SEA TO OTHER SHIPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING LAND. GUTIERREZ MELLADO EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE IS HARDLY THE ULTIMATE ANSWER TO US NEEDS BUT THOUGHT THAT THERE MIGHT BE OCCASIONS WHEN IT COULD BE USEFUL. HE RENEWED THIS OFFER TO DEMONSTRATE HIS GOOD WILL, JUST AS MORE RECENTLY HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE A BRIEF "IN-AND-OUT" VISIT TO TA BY THE USS TREPANG (NOW USS SHARK) IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT VISIT APPROVED AT CARTAGENA (MADRID 09473)(DTG 171658 AUG 78).

11. AN EXPEDITIOUS REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. TODMAN

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